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Information Works! 2004 Reports Available On Line at RIDE-URI Web Site

The first elements of Information Works! 2004 – reports on the 2003 state tests in English language arts, mathematics, writing, and health education, plus a complete listing of all school-performance classifications – has been posted on the Information Works! Web site,

www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu

Information Works!, a joint project of the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the National Center on Public Education and Social Policy, at the University of Rhode Island, consists of a collection of reports on all public schools and school districts in Rhode Island, plus a detailed State Report that contains statewide data on assessments, school finances, and other aspects of instruction and school climate.

The project is now in its seventh year.

This year, for the first time, the reports are being posted on line as and when they are ready. The first elements posted include:

- Reports for each school on results of the 2003 state assessments,
- Accountability data noting whether schools met federal targets established by the No Child Left Behind Act, and
- Tables on suspension and disciplinary infractions.

Also, statewide tables that are posted include:

- The list of school-performance classifications,
- Value-added indicators that show how well students in each school perform compared with similar students statewide, and
- Tables that display responses to the annual SALT Survey on the topic of school climate.

Over the next six weeks, more statewide tables will be posted, as well as district-level reports and school-wide data on school finances, attendance, dropout rates, teacher grievances, and other matters.

